

A Resolution
No. 3468-03-2007

**DESIGNATION OF BERRYHILL/MASON HEIGHTS AREA AS A
NEIGHBORHOOD EMPOWERMENT ZONE**

WHEREAS, on April 25, 2000, the City of Fort Worth City Council ("Council") approved a Policy Statement on the Creation of Local Neighborhood Empowerment Zones; and

WHEREAS, on October 3, 2000, as amended on April 2, 2002 and October 4, 2005, the City Council approved the criteria for determining whether an area would be eligible to be designated as a Neighborhood Empowerment Zone; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the creation of the Berryhill/Mason Heights Neighborhood Empowerment Zone ("Berryhill/Mason Heights NEZ") would promote (1) the creation or rehabilitation of affordable housing in the zone, or (2) an increase in economic development in the zone, or (3) an increase in the quality of social services, education or public safety provided to the residents of the zone; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the creation of the Berryhill/Mason Heights NEZ benefits and is for the public purpose of increasing public health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the Berryhill/Mason Heights NEZ satisfies the requirements of §312.202 of the Tax Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS THAT:

Section 1. The facts and recitations contained in the preamble of this Resolution are hereby found and declared to be true and correct.

Section 2. The Berryhill/Mason Heights NEZ is hereby created as defined by the legal description and map attached as Exhibit A.

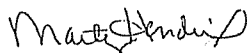
Section 3. The City Council adopts all basic incentives as described in the Neighborhood Empowerment Zone Basic Incentives (M&C C-19551 & G-13984) and as amended for the Berryhill/Mason Heights NEZ.

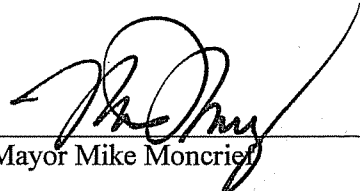
Section 4. The designation shall expire on March 26, 2017.

Adopted this 27th day of March, 2007

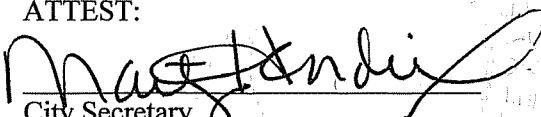
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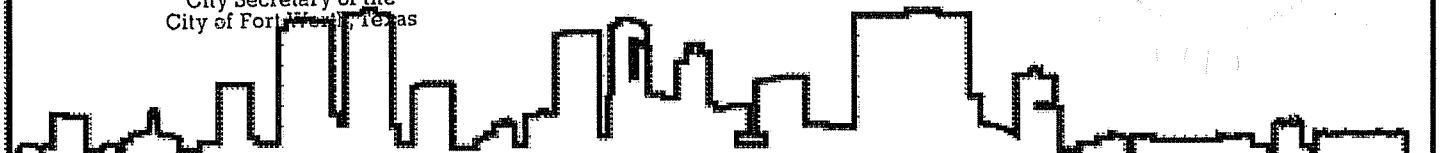
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City Secretary of the
City of Fort Worth, Texas


Mayor Mike Moncrief

ATTEST:


City Secretary



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COUNCIL ACTION: Approved on 3/27/2007 - Res. No. 3468-03-2007 & Ord. No. 17460-03-2007

DATE: Tuesday, March 27, 2007

LOG NAME: 05MASONIC

REFERENCE NO.: G-15653

SUBJECT:

Adopt Resolution Designating the Berryhill/Mason Heights Area as a Neighborhood Empowerment Zone and Adopt Ordinance Designating the Berryhill/Mason Heights Area as Neighborhood Empowerment Reinvestment Zone No. 34

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Adopt the resolution designating the Berryhill/Mason Heights area as a Neighborhood Empowerment Zone (NEZ);
2. Hold a public hearing concerning the designation of the Berryhill/Mason Heights area as Fort Worth Neighborhood Empowerment Reinvestment Zone (FWNERZ) No. 34; and
3. Adopt ordinance designating the Berryhill/Mason Heights area as FWNERZ Number 34 pursuant to the Texas Property redevelopment and Tax Abatement Act, Tax Code, Chapter 312.

DISCUSSION:

On April 25, 2000, (M&C G-12897) the City Council approved the Policy Statement on the Creation of Local NEZ's in accordance with Chapter 378 of the Texas Local Government Code. The City Council also authorized the City Manager to identify neighborhood areas that may be eligible for NEZ designation and to develop administrative procedures for the NEZ Program.

The NEZ Administrative Procedures were adopted by the City Council on October 3, 2000 and amended on April 2, 2002 and October 4, 2005 to initiate improved program requirements. The procedures included two methods by which a NEZ may be designated:

1. City Council designation; or
2. A neighborhood sponsor application process.

The proposed Berryhill/Mason Heights area is eligible for NEZ designation. City staff in consultation with the City Council District Representative and neighborhood stakeholders have developed a plan according to requirements under the NEZ policy. The plan is attached as Exhibit A. The boundaries of the proposed NEZ are:

- Cobb Park from (USHighway 287) Martin Luther King Jr. Freeway service road to Mitchell Boulevard on the North,
- Foard to Eastland to Vaughan to (USHighway 287) Martin Luther King Jr. Freeway service road on the South,

- (US Highway 287) Martin Luther King Jr. Freeway service road to Cobb Park on the East; and
- Mitchell Boulevard to Wilbarger to Foard Street to the West (Exhibit B).

The proposed Berryhill/Mason Heights NEZ has an estimated population of 2,086 and meets the following designation requirements under the City's NEZ policy:

- Has population of less than 6,000;
- Is 100 percent within the Central City and at least 75 percent of the proposed NEZ area is Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) eligible;
- Meets criteria for Reinvestment Zone designation in that the area is reasonably likely as a result of the designation to contribute to the retention or expansion of primary employment or to attract major investment in the zone that would be a benefit to the property and would contribute to the economic development of the City;
- Will bring about economic development in the zone; and
- Will promote the rehabilitation of affordable housing in the zone.

On March 6, 2007, the above recommendations were endorsed by City Council through Council Proposal No. 262.

The FWNERZ Number 34 and the Berryhill/Mason Heights NEZ are located in COUNCIL DISTRICT 8.

FISCAL INFORMATION/CERTIFICATION:

The Finance Director certifies that this action will have no material effect on City funds.

TO Fund/Account/Centers

FROM Fund/Account/Centers

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Proposed Berryhill/ Mason Heights NEZ

Exhibit B

